

Body recovered

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Police recovered body of a rickshaw-puller from a paddy field at Sadardia Chak area at Mahmudpur union in Arai hazar upazila yesterday.

The victim was identified as Abdul Haq alias Hoqqa, 35, a rickshaw-puller. His body was sent to the Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Kazi Mahfuzul Karim, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Arai hazar Police Station, said Haq, son of Kalu Mia of Viti Kallanadi village of the union, had worked at a residential hotel in Dhaka before he became a rickshaw-puller.

Haq, also father of four daughters, went missing after he went out of his house on Monday noon, he said, adding that investigation is going on in this regard.



Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zheng Qingdian calls on Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at his office in the city yesterday.

Nagasaki mayor shot

AFP, *Nagasaki*

The mayor of Nagasaki was shot and seriously wounded yesterday as he campaigned for re-election, officials said, in a rare gun crime in Japan reportedly linked to an underworld gang.

Mayor Iccho Ito's face was badly bloodied and he showed no movement as medics attempted to resuscitate him, television footage showed. He was undergoing emergency surgery, a municipal official said.

Spousal violence makes women suicide-prone

Reveals a study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Spousal violence makes married women more prone to suicide than men, reveals a study.

However, those married women who are certain about getting assistance from their parents or share well and owes with their husbands, are comparatively less prone to suicide.

Women, who saw their fathers assaulting their mothers, are also more prone to commit suicide, the study said.

The study was conducted jointly by ICDDR,B and Naripakkho on 2702 married women having reproductive capacity in different cities and villages.

The study was revealed at a dissemination seminar on 'Spousal violence and suicidal ideation among women in Bangladesh' at ICDDR,B auditorium in the city yesterday.

Eleven percent women living in villages and fourteen percent women living in cities seriously thought about committing suicide at least once during their lifetime, the study revealed.

Speaking at the seminar, Dr Ruchira Tabassum Naved, Gender and Reproductive Health Specialist of ICDDR,B, said intense physical and/or mental torture and repression on women by their husbands increase the suicidal ideation among the women.

The study, however, failed to identify any connection between suicidal attempt and sexual violence, Ruchira said, adding, "We also failed to establish any correlation between the level of education, income level of the family, especially of the women, with suicidal ideation."

Dr Abul Hossain, project implementation officer of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, focused on creating social awareness to address suicidal ideation of women.

He said with the expansion of educa-

tion at grassroots level, suicidal ideation would go down automatically.

Plastic trader dies in rooftop fall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A plastic trader died after he fell from the roof of a seven-storey building in old part of the city yesterday.

The dead was identified as Al Amin, 25, son of Saidul Haq.

Police said Al Amin, a resident of the seven-story building at Rajanighosh Lane in Kotwali, went to the roof at around 2:30pm and fell off the rooftop suddenly and landed in the adjacent hostel. He died on the spot.

No one knows how he fell from the roof.

Govt instructions to English medium schools

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has taken a special initiative to include the English medium schools in the registration process and given a 15-day time for registration, according to official decision of the Education Ministry.

According to the decision, the heads of English medium schools have been asked to appeal before Ataur Rahman Khan, school inspector, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dhaka, with necessary information in a bid to complete the registration process and for updating the list of the schools.

If any institution fails to appeal within the 15 days after the news release was published in the newspapers, punitive actions will be taken against the institution under the Registration of Private Schools (English medium) Act for running educational institution without government's permission.